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8. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied George Carver, SAVA, who briefed Senator Charles Percy and Scott Cohen, of his staff, on the military situation in Vietnam. The Senator was particularly interested in talk of a "Dunkirk" situation which might confront the remaining U.S. troops in South Vietnam, the military threat to Saigon, the role of the South Vietnamese air force, and the overall military prospects of the war.

Following the above meeting, I mentioned to Senator Percy, and followed up in a conversation with Scott Cohen, our concern over amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526) reported out by the Foreign Relations Committee. I said one of these dealing with dissemination of information abroad would virtually put us out of the "black" propaganda business and the other calling for 10% across-the-board cuts of certain categories of personnel would seriously cripple our overseas operations. Cohen said he was very doubtful that the Senator would be in a position to support us on either of these issues.

9. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed the above-mentioned amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3526). He shares the view of other Hill contacts with whom we have discussed the matter that getting any exemption for CIA to the restrictions on dissemination of overseas information is virtually out of the question in the Senate. He rather favored my suggestion that we may try to cope with the situation by getting the House Foreign Affairs Committee to introduce a "clean bill" covering much the same ground as the Church amendment in the Senate, but with language acceptable to the Agency.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding a request from Chairman Moorhead, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, for Agency witnesses to appear on 5 May to testify on security and classification problems. Slatinshek's off-the-cuff comment was (a) we cannot avoid appearing, (b) it would be helpful to buy time so that Chairman Nedzi and our oversight Subcommittee could cover this problem with us first, and (c) when we do appear before Moorhead we should not push for executive session, since an appearance in open session would provide justification for refusing to answer any detailed questions.

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